California Franchise Tax Board Protective Claims Status Update October 2005

I. Summary of Protective Claims

We received the following protective claims in connection with our Tax Amnesty Program:

Program	Taxpayers	Tax Years	Amount (in millions)
Bank and Corporation Tax	631	1,849	\$3,481
Personal Income Tax	201	302	\$61
Total	832	2,151	\$3,542

- A. *Taxpayers:* Of the 832 taxpayers, 111 corporations were responsible for \$3 billion (85%) of the protective claims.
- B. *Tax Years:* Of the protective claims filed for tax years 1979 to 2002, \$2 billion were attributable to tax years 1999 and prior.
- C. *Open Claims:* Of the protective claims, about 68% are in Audit, 21% in Protest, 2% in Appeals, and 9% in Settlement.
- D. *Closed Claims*: Of the \$104 million in resolved protective claims for 95 taxpayers, \$95 million was retained by FTB and \$8 million returned to taxpayers.

II. Status Report

- A. *Audit Acceleration:* Audits are being completed by May 2006, unless deferral requested by taxpayers, tax shelter issues, or pending federal audits.
- B. *Protective Claims Refunds:* Taxpayers may request protective claim deposits be refunded prior to a final liability by submitting a written request to:

Franchise Tax Board 389AMN – Protective Claim P.O. Box 942867 Sacramento, CA 95267-8888

Refunds will be processed within 30 days. (Note: Any outstanding balance may be assessed the amnesty penalty.)

C. *FTB Website:* Look for more information on our FTB website on Amnesty/Protective Claims including Q&A.